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SUMMARY: NDP PRESIDENT KIM YONG-SAM COMPLETED HIS APPOINTMENTS TO MAJOR PARTY POSTS SEPT. 3. AS WAS CASE WITH POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (REFTEL) KIM HAS DISTRIBUTED SELECTIONS AMONG MAJOR PARTY FACTIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. AS EXPECTED THE POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AUG 31 ELECTED KO HUNG-MUN TO THE NUMBER TWO PARTY POSITION OF VICE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. KO, WITH KIM'S SUPPORT, BARELY DEFEATED ASSEMBLYMAN CHONG HAE-YONG IN COMMITTEE VOTE FOR VICE CHAIRMAN. COMMITTEE ALSO ELECTED PARTY ELDER-STATESMEN YU CHIN-O, YI SANG-CHUL, CHONG IL-HYONG AND KIM UI-TAEK AS PARTY ADVISOR.

2. SEPT. 2 KIM APPOINTED ASSEMBLYMAN YU CHI-SONG AS SECRETARY GENERAL, KIM HYONG-IL FLOOR LEADER AND YI CHUNG-CHAE CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE. YU
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IS A MEMBER OF THE LATE YU CHIN-SAN'S FACTION. KIM

IS STRONGLY ANTI-GOVERNMENT AND SUPPORTED KIM DURING THE CONVENTION. YI WAS A CHIEF BACKER OF KO HUNG-MUN.

3. OTHER APPOINTMENTS INCLUDED PAK YONG-NOK, DIRECTOR POLITICAL TRAINING CENTER; MISS KIM OK-SON, CHAIRMAN DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE AND KIM SU-HAN, CHAIRMAN HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION COMMITTEE. KIM YONG-SAM SUPPORTER CHAE HYONG-U WAS NAMED DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL SEPT. 3 AND HWANG NAK-JU, OM YONG-TAL AND PAK PYONG-KYO WERE NAMED DEPUTY FLOOR LEADERS.

4. IN ADDITION, KIM IS EXPECTED SEPT 6 TO ANNOUNCE APPOINTMENT NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMEN (MOSTLY FIRST TERM) AS DIRECTORS OF PARTY FUNCTIONAL BUREAUS (ORGANIZATION, PROPAGANDA, LABOR-YOUTH-WOMEN) AND TO CREATE A NEW BUREAU OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. IN PAST, BUREAU DIRECTORS HAVE BEEN PARTY STAFF MEMBERS.

5. COMMENT: IN THESE APPOINTMENTS, KIM IS ATTEMPTING A FACTIONAL BALANCING ACT WHILE PUTTING SUPPORTERS IN KEY POSTS. DURING CONVENTION KIM DREW GREATEST SUPPORT FROM RANK AND FILE CONVENTION DELEGATES, UNCOMMITTED NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMEN, AND FORMER SUPPORTERS OF KIM TAE-CHUNG; MAJORITY OF ASSEMBLYMEN BELONG TO OTHER FACTIONS. SINCE HIS DIRECT SUPPORT FROM ASSEMBLYMEN AND NATIONAL PARTY OFFICIALS WAS AND IS WEAK, KIM NOW MUST LOOK TO OTHER FACTIONS FOR FILLING POSTS.

6. KIM'S APPOINTMENTS PARTICULARLY RECOGNIZE NEED FOR ASSISTANCE FROM OLD YU CHIN-SAN FACTION (KIM ORIGINALLY CAME FROM THIS GROUP) AND CONSTITUTE REWARDS FOR THOSE WHO TREW SUPPORT TO HIM DURING CONVENTION. AT SAME TIME SOME GROUPS HAVE BEEN LEFT OUT OF POSITIONS OF RELATIVE IMPORTANCE. SIN TO-HWAN'S FACTION IS ALMOST COMPLETELY OUT OF PICTURE AND YI CHOL-SUNG'S GROUP ALSO GENERALLY LEFT OUT.
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